

Classroom Innovation in Mathematics Grant 2010-11 Interactive Whiteboards FAQ: April 1, 2010

Do we have to include interactive whiteboards in our grant application?

The interactive whiteboard is an optional (but recommended) component that we are allowing schools to use in conjunction with digital curricula. While interactive whiteboards are not required, a school would need to demonstrate that other similar technology is in place to ensure that digital curricula can be implemented with fidelity. Additionally, a school that has already provided its math teachers with interactive whiteboards would not request additional funds for interactive whiteboards in their budget.

Our high school math teachers are currently using Mobi boards (or a similar technology). Instead of buying interactive whiteboards (such as SMART Boards, Promethean boards, etc.) for our middle school teachers, can we use these funds to purchase Mobi boards?

A school can substitute additional technology solutions for an interactive whiteboard, as long as the solution meets the curricular needs of the program; however, any solution that a school chooses can only be funded up to \$3500 per teacher (additional costs should be included in the local share budget). Some products, such as student response or “clicker” systems, are not able to be funded through this grant.

Our district currently is using a presentation tool that our teachers have found to be effective, but our projectors are outdated. Can we use the interactive whiteboard funds to purchase new projectors for our teachers?

Yes. The funding limits outlined in the grant guidelines provide enough money for the whiteboard and a projector. If the teachers decide to use these funds only to buy the projector, we recommend that the amount of funds requested be significantly less than the \$3500 per teacher that is allowed.

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